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AFGHAN COURT SENTENCES FRENCHMAN TO 10 YEARS

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((TEXT)) KABUL JANUARY 4 TASS--A SPECIAL REVOLUTIONARY COURT OF AFGHANISTAN TODAY SENTENCED FRENCH NATIONAL ALAIN GUILLO TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON AFTER FINDING HIM GUILTY OF HAVING ILLEGALLY CROSSED INTO AFGHANISTAN FROM PAKISTAN, STAYED WITH A HOSTILE ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUP AND ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND ESPIONAGE FOR WESTERN POWERS.

AFGHAN NATIONALS SAID ABDEL SAMAD, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED GUILLO AS AN INTERPRETER, AND MOHAMMAD NAZAR, WHO HAD BEEN HIS GUIDE AND BODYGUARD, WERE EACH SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN JAIL FOR HIGH TREASON.

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IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW, THE TRIAL WAS IN CAMERA AS WITNESSES DISCLOSED MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DATA WHICH IS A STATE SECRET.

SIX DAYS BEFORE THE TRIAL GUILLO WAS PROVIDED WITH A LAWYER AND AN OFFICIAL INTERPRETER SO THAT HE COULD PREPARE HIS DEFENSE. ALL JUDICIAL AND PROCEDURAL NORMS WERE THUS OBSERVED.

NEWSMEN AND A COUNSELLOR OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY WERE ADMITTED INTO THE COURT-ROOM AS THE VERDICT WAS ABOUT TO BE READ.

IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT GUILLO HAD CROSSED THE AFGHAN-PAKISTANI BORDER WITH A GANG LED BY SAID AHMAD. THE FRENCHMAN ENDED UP IN THE HANDS OF AFGHAN AUTHORITIES ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1987, WHEN A GROUP UNDER NASCOOL, WHICH HE HAD JOINED AFTER LEAVING THAT OF SAID AHMAD, WENT OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

THAT HAPPENED IN THE AREA OF THE POPULATED LOCALITY OF BAZAR-KALA IN FARIAB PROVINCE NOT FAR FROM THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER.

THINGS CONFISCATED FROM GUILLO INCLUDED TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS WITH AFGHAN AND SOVIET POSTS MARKED ON THEM, A DIARY DESCRIBING THOSE POSTS IN DETAIL, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF TROOPS MANNING THEM AND THEIR ARMS, AND MOTION-PICTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL SHOWING SOVIET FRONTIER POSTS ON THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER.

FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUP TESTIFIED THAT WHERE HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT HIMSELF, GUILLO HAD SENT OTHER GROUP MEMBERS TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE SOVIET BORDER.

UNTIL RECENTLY GUILLO LIVED AT 7, PROCHOD STREET IN PARIS. ACCORDING TO HIS WORDS, HE IS A JOURNALIST CURRENTLY WORKING FOR THE FRENCH PHOTO AGENCY SYGMA.

ALSO CONFISCATED FROM GUILLO WERE HIS PERSONAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES AND A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM ABDUL HAQ, ONE OF THEIR CHIEFTAINS, TO MOULAVI SAID MUHAMMAD QUL, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO THE "FRENCH JOURNALIST".

IT BECAME KNOWN THAT GUILLO HAD BEEN TO AFGHANISTAN ILLEGALLY SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. DURING THOSE TRIPS HE INCITED MEMBERS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS TO STEP UP THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND INQUIRED ABOUT THEIR NEEDS FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

THAT MAN, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE, TO PUT IT MILDLY, NOT QUITE PROFESSIONAL, DID NOT SHRINK FROM DIRECTLY TAMPERING WITH FACTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE PASSED THE AFTERMATH OF A MUD SLIDE HE HAD PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE VILLAGE OF NADAR IN BAMYAN PROVINCE OFF FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF A DEVASTATING SOVIET AIR RAID.

THE COURT COULD HAVE GIVEN GUILLO MUCH HARSHER PUNISHMENT: THE CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE CARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY. HOWEVER, GUIDED BY THE HUMAN PRINCIPLES OF THE POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, THE AFGHAN COURT MET THE DEFENSE COUNSEL'S REQUEST AND PASSED A SOFTER SENTENCE.

THE RULING IS FINAL. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO GUILLO THAT HE COULD SEND A REQUEST FOR A PARDON TO THE PRESIDENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

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